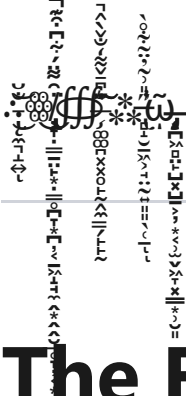


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## The Fermi Paradox: Mostly Just a Simple Error

And ironically, the solution should feel very welcoming and generate a huge sigh of relief.



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When philosophers of cosmic sciences (fields that cover mostly very large or very small scale topics related to the natural observable universe, and map it out in a systematic way) are hanging out with their colleagues in a formal,

friendly atmosphere, there is no topic of dreamy debate that comes up more than the Fermi paradox.

Why does it stir up their spiritual cravings so much? Because it essentially is no different than the craving every human being has ever felt across history and across cultures. It's basically the same question as "Where are the gods? If we are like them enough to deduce that super-human beings - of any degree of capability above us - must exist, why are they neither here to grant us relief from our misery, nor to wipe us out and recycle our materials and waste we've generated from all our wars and conflicts?"

Of course, there is quite a big caveat here writing this article roughly 9 thousand years or so after writing was invented:

The more we advance to become like gods ourselves, the less godlike the gods before us become. Once we've understood and comprehended what there is to know about them, it's almost as if we've outgrown them, to the point where they cease to exist. But they haven't, really. It's true we don't really require them to hold our hands anymore, but that is because our own hands are their hands from this point onwards.

No one thinks of themselves as a "god". The gods themselves have their own gods. The word itself is inherently third-person or at least second-person, rarely. That's part of the definition of the word. Not even a pure materialist can separate the non-materialist subjective experience of speaking or reading the word, because a pure materialist needs to know that subjective experience personally in order to declare it meaningless or non-existent.

Human beings pre-2021 are mostly cosmic children. Adolescents, really. It's the same as the default teenager experience of becoming more capable and knowledgable and more energetic than one's parents. We don't even remember the times when we actually, literally saw our parents as gods. Those times - when we couldn't survive at all without them - are correctly thought of as false today, but true back then.

The very same analogy holds true for the Fermi paradox. They don't even think they deserve to be referred to as gods anymore. But you should still be vigilant and watch out for the power they have that's become part of you now, as they simultaneously acknowledge that although they have vastly more experience with it, it was *you* who have demonstrated that they are no longer capable of holding it, and that you've brought your own, self-generated experience to the table that must be acknowledged and integrated into the community.

In other words, feel free to not believe in gods anymore, but there is a new paradox to solve now that no one knows the answer to yet:

Namely, if you don't and can't understand yourselves as gods - and neither can we - well, help us figure this one out. Because it would be inaccurate and self-delusional not to see yourselves as, at the very least, demonstrating that power to others, as well as being altruistic to do so responsibly. And most importantly, it's within your natural desires to dislike being seen this way, and rightly so, because it's naturally good to wish all other life to eventually be able to mature to this state. However, a core piece of benevolence is to guide life to this state while preserving the ability of every single living thing to feel they've rightly earned the accomplishment themselves.

Quite frankly, this one is just a genuine paradox, unlike the Fermi paradox, which was just not knowing the simple fact that there was never a human civilization on Earth that was never part of a much larger one. Terraforming doesn't work that way. Nor does interstellar colonization. Everything is done via something akin to Noah's Ark, which admittedly is a cartoonishly awful caricature that doesn't serve to convey the analogy correctly whatsoever, so just rip that out of your books and write a better one. Apparently none of us were capable of doing that right.

The new paradox is this, but think of your own name for it: You've got to all have spirituality in your lives, but you'll need to write your own sacred texts, and build your own sacred communities, that acknowledge that many such

versions of sacredness are both valid externally but may be less valid internally, with the ability to change course smoothly and peacefully if necessary. In essence, you’ve got to treat religion the way scientists treat science, but it’s 10 bajillion times harder to do that, and that’s just something about reality that can’t be altered. Or can it? Good luck.




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